

Conservation Commission
Minutes
September 21, 2016
Grange Meeting Room Boxborough Town Hall 29 Middle Rd.

Members Present: David Follett, Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, Dennis Reip and Hoff Stuart.
Member Absent: David Koonce

Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by David and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of Aug. 16, 2016.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Compliance 113-425 for Sara's Way / Larry White.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Compliance 113-128 for the Reed Farm Road roadway.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Compliance 113-14. That project lapsed and was superceded by 113-64.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Compliance 113-15. That project lapsed and was superceded by 113-64.

Liz Markiewicz was present to discuss the current condition of the bridge at Blanchard School. The side railing is not safe and the bridge bounces. Repair might be done by school volunteers, scouts, and / or land stewards. Motion was made Dennis, seconded by David and voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 for materials for this repair project.

Liz also discussed the problem of horse manure on the Steele Farm trails. The Commission has received emails from concerned residents. The amount has grown this year. Dennis will make a few inquiries.

The Commission took no action on an email about invasive species at Beaver Brook. Removal is very labor intensive and very expensive unless herbicides are used.

Norm reviewed his site visit to 87 Liberty Sq Rd. The Building Inspector had issued a stop work order. No plans are available and the deck appears to be in the outer 25'. An NOI will be required.

Ramaker & Associates emailed the Commission about a clarification of details described in a previous RDA . This minor change has nothing to do with the wetlands or the RDA as issued.

Oxbow Assoc. sent an update to the Commission on the Enforcement Order at 1034 Mass Ave / Lawn Barber. Subsequently Bill Murray, Commission consultant from Places Associates, visited the site and supplied a report dated Sept. 20, 2016. Water contaminated with dust is still flowing into the wetlands. Another EO is being issued with specific requirements for an Operations & Management Plan prepared and stamped by a professional engineer registered in Massachusetts.

